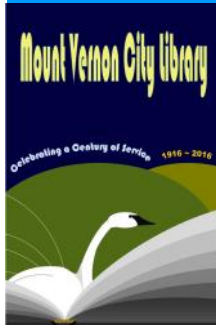


Mount Vernon City Library



Celebrating a Century of Service.

by Brian Soneda



This cover article should have been written by Summer Daour, who has done a commendable job leading the library's efforts in our yearlong *Celebrating a Century of Service* project. Summer recently left the library staff to take on other interesting pursuits. To summarize what we have done under Summer's lead, the library has led or partnered on several events over the course of this year, all in celebration of the centennial of tax-supported public library service in Mount Vernon. We think the wisdom of City Council and the Mount Vernon community in 1916, and a 100 years of library service that have followed, are well worth celebrating! While

we are not done celebrating (see bottom of page three for early word on another *Celebrating a Century of Service* library-Friends of the Mount Vernon Library collaboration on December 6), I want to share a photo from what was a hugely successful event on July 30, the library's Centennial Social, in collaboration with the New Old Time Chautauqua (See page 2 for another photo.). A great parting feather in Summer Daour's hat!



Skagit Reads *I Am Malala*

by guest columnist, Jenny Cole (Burlington Public Library)

[The Mount Vernon City Library and the Friends of the Mount Vernon Library are again participants in the annual Skagit Reads program. The culminating events of this year's Skagit Reads are in October, at the Lincoln Theatre. Note below from Jenny Cole, 2016 Skagit Reads coordinator]

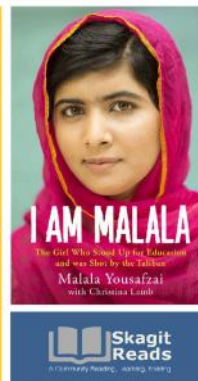
I hope you're all doing well! I wanted to share the [Skagit Reads website](#) with you. On the "Get the Book" page I included links to each library. I will continue to update the "Get Involved" page with library events and book discussions. I am also sharing information on the two great Skagit Reads events coming up in October at the historic Lincoln Theatre. We would love to have you attend both!

Watch the documentary
HE NAMED ME MALALA
Thursday, October 6 at 6:30 pm

Hear human rights activist Carl Wilkens
ONE FAMILY'S CHOICE AGAINST GENOCIDE
Tuesday, October 18 at 6:30 pm

Both events at the Lincoln Theatre in Mount Vernon
FREE! No ticket required

Reading Learning Sharing Free copies of the book available at all Skagit libraries
Attend events throughout the county
Join the conversation at your local library



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Who supports the library?

- You do, through City taxes
- The Friends of the Mount Vernon Library
- The Mount Vernon Library Foundation
- Individuals and organizations who believe in libraries, literacy and the quality of life in Mount Vernon.

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Friends of the Mount Vernon Library, by Bryan Milliren, Friends' Treasurer



Friends officers, l-r, Justin Holmes (P), Bryan Milliren (T), David Johnson (VP), Jenny Lee (Membership), [not shown, Joan Sladek (S)].

Thank you to everyone for making the Friends of the Mount Vernon Library Fall Book Sale on September 23-24 a success. To our Friends members and other volunteers who worked on the sale, thank you for your reliable help!

Grand total: **\$1346.69**

Break out numbers:

\$866.51 Friday night

\$480.18 Saturday

\$ 93.40 Donations

\$ 70.00 Book bags



As always, proceeds from Book Sales go to support the Library!

Mount Vernon Library Foundation, by Marija Anderson, Foundation President

On behalf of the Mount Vernon Library Foundation I would like to let you know what our Mount Vernon Library Foundation Board has been doing this summer and how we as a MVLF Board have been involved in our community.

- On July 30th, our board, along with the Library, put on a Library Centennial Social - Ice Cream Social & Party, from 1-4 p.m., at the Park across from the Mount Vernon Library. This social was sponsored in part by the Mount Vernon Elks #1604.
- The MVLF had a special Centennial Library Celebration insert in the *Skagit Valley Herald*, which was published on July 12, 2016. If you do not take the paper, please stop by the MV Library and pick up a free copy of the insert.
- On August 18, the Mount Vernon Library Foundation sponsored the Riverwalk Concert Series, Polecat concert, on the Riverwalk Plaza, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. This concert was very well attended. This event was for the whole family. (The Riverwalk Concert series consisted of 8 weekly Thursday evening concerts on Mount Vernon's Riverwalk Plaza.)
- Celebrating a Century of Service – On August 25, the Mount Vernon Library had a National Parks centennial celebration with a rededication of the library grounds, at the library, @ 3:00 p.m.
- We, the MVLF Board, still need your help. At the present time we have four openings on the MVLF Board of Directors. If you are an individual who is interested in your community and your library, please consider serving on our MVLF Board. Term of office is three years, and we meet the second Monday of the month from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., at the Himalaya Property Management Building @1003 Cleveland Avenue, Mount Vernon.

Marija Anderson
MVLF President



Cool things that happened @ your Library last quarter...



Ukelele lessons at the Library's Centennial Social on July 30.

Mom and daughters enjoying the Garden Rededication/National Parks Centennial event in front of the Library on August 25.



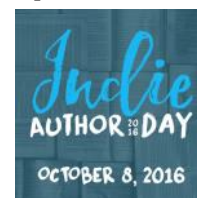
Magna tiles!



2016 October-December Library Events Calendar

(all programs are free and at Mount Vernon City Library unless otherwise noted*; no sign up is required)

Oct 1-Dec 31	Play & Learn, 10-11:30 am, Fridays and Saturdays, 2-6 years and caregiver.
Oct 1-Dec 31	LEGO Building for All Ages, 3-7:30 pm, Wednesdays; 2-4:30 pm, Saturdays.
Oct 1, Nov 5, Dec 3	Tales for Tails (<i>Dogs on Call</i> volunteers), first Saturdays each month, ages 6-12.
Oct 4-Dec 29	Drop-in Student Computer Lab, Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays, 10 am-7:30 pm.
Oct 4-Nov 15	Toddler Storytime, 10:30 am, Tuesdays, 2-3 years.
Oct 4-Dec 27	Telling Our Stories, Tuesdays between 1 pm and 7pm, sit down with a librarian to have your story added to our collection.
Oct 8	Indie Author Day, all day but with a webcast at 11 am, authors and writers.
Oct 5-Nov 16	Preschool Storytime, 10:30 am, Wednesdays, 3-5 years.
Oct 6-Nov 17	Teddy Bear Time, 10:30 am, Thursdays, birth-24 months.
Oct 6-Nov 17	Travels with Skoob, 4:15 pm, Thursdays, 6-8 years.
Oct 12	Firefighter Storytime, 10:30 am, ages 2-6, starts at library, includes visit to Fire Station #1!
Oct 13, Nov 10, Dec 8	Book Discussion Group, 12:30-1:30 pm, adults.
Oct 17	Dig Into Fall Garden Workshop: Native Plants in the Garden..., 6 pm, adults.
Oct 18	Cool Creations LEGO Challenge, 3-5 pm, drop in fun for ages 5 and up.
Oct 19	Halloween Craft for Tweens and Teens, 5-6 pm, ages 10-16.
Oct 19, Nov 16, Dec 21	Friends of the Mount Vernon Library meetings, 6 pm, new members welcome!
Nov 14	Celebrate Native American Heritage Month with Gary Stroutsos, flute player, 6:30 pm, all ages
Nov 19	International Games Day, 1-4 pm, all ages (several board games available for drop-in fun).
Dec 6 ages 3-5.	Holiday Tree Cone: Preschoolers, edible craft, materials provided, 10:30 am,
Dec 7	Gingerbread House Making: Tweens and Teens, 5-6 pm, ages 10-18.
Dec 8	Holiday Tree Cone: Kids, edible craft, materials provided, 4-5 pm, ages 6-9.
Dec 16, 17	Holiday Crafts, Friday and Saturday, 11 am-4 pm, drop in fun for all ages.



Gary Stroutsos



Remember December 6, 2015? We do! The Library/Friends of the Mount Vernon Library float, *Hogwarts Yule Ball*, won first place in the Downtown Mount Vernon Christmas Parade. Are we going to be back to defend our crown? OF COURSE! Details are sketchy at the time this newsletter is being crafted, but be assured that the 2016 float will fit in with our yearlong *Celebrating a Century of Service* theme AND that we will be back to compete! (The general public may not know just how competitive library folk are...)



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“The Chain of Command”

The library director reports to the Mayor, Jill Boudreau.

The library director is advised by the Board of Trustees. Trustees are appointed by the Mayor and are confirmed by City Council. Trustees serve 5 year terms. Current Trustees are: Katy Armagost, Bill Craig (Chair), Hal Verrell (Secretary), Margaret Redfern and Frank Repplier.

The library director and library staff serve you, the public.

This newsletter is edited by: Brian Soneda, Library Director

Mount Vernon City Library

Vision Statement:

Mount Vernon City Library - The Heart of Our Thriving Community

Mission Statement:

Mount Vernon City Library promotes lifelong learning by providing access to information and materials that are varied in format and viewpoint. We connect our diverse community through innovative programming and excellent service.

Core Values:

Mount Vernon City Library stands on a foundation of core values including, but not limited to:

Excellent customer service

Relevancy

Patience, understanding and caring

Tolerance

Community leadership

Sensitivity

Helpfulness

Welcoming spirit

Contributor to the community's quality of life

2016 Library Hours

Monday 10 AM-8 PM

Tuesday 10 AM-8 PM

Wednesday 10 AM-8 PM

Thursday 10 AM-8 PM

Friday 10 AM-5 PM

Saturday 10 AM-5 PM

Holiday and other closures:

November 4 Staff Training Day (open half day, 1-5 PM)

November 11 Veterans' Day

November 24-25 Thanksgiving

December 25 Christmas



The library grounds look great, thanks to volunteers from the Lions Club and individual volunteer Demetrio. We showcased the grounds at our August 25 Garden Rededication, shown above and also in the “Cool Things...” section of this newsletter.

